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25X1 1. [] LEGISLATION In response to his earlier call, called George Gilbert, OMB, who asked if we could send him a copy of the Agency's position on State Department draft legislation to implement the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction. Agency views are being forwarded to the National Security Council. I agreed to send him a copy as soon as it has been signed.

25X1 2. [] BRIEFING Early this morning, Mr. Cary and I met with House Minority Leader John Rhodes (R., Ariz.) for a briefing. See [] Memorandum for the Record.

25X1 3. [] LIAISON Carried sensitive intelligence alerting information to: Senator Milton Young (R., N. Dak.); Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee; Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee; Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff; Clark McFadden, Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee; George Murphy, Executive Director, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, and House Minority Leader John Rhodes (R., Ariz.). I promised a follow-up report on this subject.

25X1 4. [] LIAISON Following our meeting with House Minority Leader John Rhodes (R., Ariz.), [] and I stopped by to see Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee. He raised the subject of our recent Check List Annex on Soviet ruble spending for defense. He said he thought we should provide the Committee with some figures which would be a percentage of either gross national product or the total budget--something to get a feel for the true burden of Soviet defense expenditures. This will be discussed with Mr. Proctor, DDI.

25X1 5. [] LIAISON Met briefly with Senator Milton Young (R., N. Dak.) to discuss several matters relating to the intelligence community budget. (See Memo for the Record)

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6. [REDACTED] INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING

Accompanied [REDACTED] OSR, to a briefing of Representative Les Aspin (D., Wis.) and his Legislative Assistant, Ed Schallert, on ~~Soviet defense~~ spending. The briefing went well. Representative Aspin seemed to be quite knowledgeable on the subject of Soviet defense and seemed to be appreciative of the briefing. He may use the information to support arguments against a recent DOD statement on the increase in Soviet defense spending.

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7. [REDACTED] LIAISON Received a call

from a member on the staff of Representative Max Baucus (D., Mont.), who requested a tour of the Agency for the Congressman's Legislative and Administrative Assistants. I told her that there were no tours given of Agency facilities but that a member of our staff would be happy to meet with any member of the Congressman's staff for a chat about the Agency. She said she would call us back if this was desired.

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8. [REDACTED] LIAISON Together with [REDACTED]

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SE Division, [REDACTED] met with Duke Short, Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Internal Security, and gave him the material prepared by [REDACTED] in connection with his appearance before the Subcommittee. Short said that he does not yet know which Senator will preside, however, he hopes it will be Senator Strom Thurmond (R. S. Car.). The hearing will be held in Atlanta, Ga. sometime in November.

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9. [REDACTED] LIAISON Senator Milton Young (R., N. Dak.)

returned Mr. Cary's call and I explained the subject matter and the Senator said he would be free to see Mr. Cary later in the afternoon.

Senator Young asked me about General Franco, indicating that Chairman John McClellan (D., Ark.) had passed a note around the Appropriations Committee late yesterday that CIA had indicated that Franco was dead. I confirmed that we had received an alert on this late yesterday but at this point it is not all that clear.

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18. [REDACTED] LIAISON Called Chairman Olin Teague, House Committee on Science and Technology, concerning the insistence of Dr. John Holmfeld, of the Committee staff, that the Agency testify in open session before Chairman Ray Thornton's Subcommittee on Domestic & International Scientific Planning & Analysis. I made it clear that we had no problem in testifying but that our product is degraded if it must be presented in open session and it would be much better to testify in executive session, sanitizing the transcript for later publication if this is what is desired. I said the material itself is not extremely sensitive but there was a principle involved and we did not consider ourselves a public information agency. I also made it clear that we were very willing to speak to Chairman Thornton directly on this matter but that we wanted to check with him first. Chairman Teague said he understood perfectly and would take care of the matter.

Chairman Teague reviewed his past relationship, and those of his son, with [REDACTED] and said he would be very interested in seeing [REDACTED] when he is next in town. I said I was sure that this could be arranged and would keep his interest in mind and that we would send his felicitations to [REDACTED]

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19. [REDACTED] LIAISON Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, called referring to Representative Larry McDonald's (D., Ga.) letter to Senator Frank Church (D., Idaho) which was placed in yesterday's Congressional Record that CIA has in its possession information indicating that there is Soviet infiltration on seven to nine Senate staffs. Slatinshek wants to know if we do have such evidence and do we have any evidence on the House side. [REDACTED] IC Staff, DDO, and the Inspector General are running this down.

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